

Energy and Environment Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
February 6, 2014

*Minutes*

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. James Johnson, Chair. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> )	TCA
Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas	SGVCOG
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa	OCCOG
Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach ( <b>Chair</b> )	District 30
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Geneva Mojado, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	Tribal COG
Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo	District 12
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard	District 45
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson, Indio	District 66
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Hon. Stephen Sammarco, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
Mr. Steve Schuyler, Ex Officio	Building Industry Association
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Steve Hernandez, Coachella	CVAG
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont	SGVCOG

## **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. James Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Hon. Stephen Sammarco led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hon. James Johnson welcomed Mr. Steve Schuyler, Ex Officio, representing the Building Industry Association (BIA) to his first meeting as a member of the Energy and Environment Committee.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – No comments

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### 1. Sustainability Joint Work Program with Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)

Alan Thompson, SCAG Staff, stated that SCAG and ICTC have developed a Sustainability Joint Work Program to better coordinate the activities of the two agencies and support implementation of the approved 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2012 RTP/SCS).

A MOTION was made (Robertson) to recommend Regional Council approval of the SCAG/ICTC Sustainability Joint Work Program. The MOTION was SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) and unanimously APPROVED.

AYE – Bartlett, Bertone, Clark, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Friedman, Genis, Johnson, Martin, Mitchell, Pollock, Ramirez, Ramos Watson, Robertson, Sammarco, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Williams

NO – None

ABSTAIN - None

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 2. Southern California Regional Energy Network

Howard Choy, General Manager, Los Angeles County Office of Sustainability, provided an update on the Southern California Regional Energy Network and how it collaborates with the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition to implement environmental and sustainability programs and services for county departments, residents, businesses and local governments including: energy efficiency, green building and climate change programs.

The joint effort unites the region's cities and counties to reduce energy costs, shape policy, leverage best practices, stay informed and educated, develop long-term strategies, and bring more sustainable energy to their communities.

Additional information may be found at [www.lgsec.org](http://www.lgsec.org)

#### 3. Best Practice for Implementing Solar Systems through a Power Purchase Agreement

Robert Sausedo, Vice President, Business Development Local Government, Psomas FMG, LLC., gave a presentation about how local jurisdictions may use a Power Purchase Agreement to implement a no upfront cost approach to implementing solar photovoltaic systems that include

solar collectors and solar on buildings. Power Purchase Agreement financing may be used for systems as small as 200 kilowatts, up to several megawatts. The goal of the agreement is to create a no-cost option to build the system that provides power to the end user. The program represents an opportunity for local government to implement energy conservation programs without facing additional financial burdens.

4. 2014 Imperial County PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP) Update

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff, stated that the urbanized area of Imperial County was designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a nonattainment area for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 standard, effective December 14, 2009. It was initially thought that Imperial County met the standard and would not need to prepare a SIP. Due to technical monitoring-related issues adjacent to Mexico, Imperial County is now required to prepare this SIP. While PM2.5 SIPs were required to be submitted to U.S. EPA by December 14, 2012, in response to a court ruling regarding the PM2.5 implementation rules, U.S. EPA published a proposed rule on November 21, 2013 which sets December 31, 2014 as the new submission deadline.

Because the Imperial County PM2.5 nonattainment area is adjacent to Mexico and impacted by emissions from across the border, the SIP is required to attain and maintain the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 standard by the attainment date “but for emissions emanating from outside of the United States” (per CAA Section 179(B)). The California Air Resources Board (ARB) and the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) are working to address the monitoring issue and prepare the SIP (tentatively scheduled for ICAPCD adoption in May 2014 and ARB adoption in June 2014). The SIP will include new PM2.5 conformity budgets for the Imperial County PM2.5 nonattainment area. Once found to be adequate by U.S. EPA, these new conformity budgets will be used by SCAG for conformity determinations for future Regional Transportation Plans and Federal Transportation Improvement Programs.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Approval Item**

5. Minutes of the January 2, 2014 Meeting

**Receive and File**

6. 2014 Regional Council and Policy Committee Meeting Schedule

7. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update

8. U.S. EPA Grant to the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District Regarding Vehicle Idling Impacts in the Border Area

9. Resolution No. 14-556-2 for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Implementing Eco-Logical Project

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff, commented on Item No. 8 of the *Receive and File* items. Mr. Nadler stated that there was a U.S. EPA Grant to the ICAPCD regarding vehicle idling impacts in

the border area. The project is scheduled to be complete by mid-2015, and this item will be brought back to the EEC at such time.

A MOTION was made (Forester) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Genis) and unanimously APPROVED.

AYE – Bartlett, Bertone, Clark, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Friedman, Genis, Johnson, Mitchell, Munzing, Pollock, Ramirez, Ramos Watson, Robertson, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Williams, Wilson

NO – None

ABSTAIN - None

**CHAIR'S REPORT** - No report

**STAFF REPORT**

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff, announced that the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainability Awards will be presented at SCAG's Annual General Assembly in May 2014. Nomination packets will be released electronically next week. The deadline to submit a nomination is on March 11, 2014.

Justine Block, SCAG Deputy Legal Counsel, announced that SCAG released its Draft 2014 Public Participation Plan on January 22, 2014, for a 45-day public review and comment period that ends on March 7, 2014. The Draft Plan is available on SCAG's website. The Plan will be presented to SCAG's Legislative Communications Membership Committee at its March meeting and if recommended for approval, the final Plan will be placed on the agenda for Regional Council consideration at its April 3, 2014 meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** - None

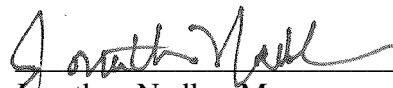
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. James Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:



Jonathan Nadler, Manager  
Compliance & Performance Monitoring

## Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

2014

		X = County Represented							X = Attended Black Shading = Dark												Total Mtgs Attend ed
Member (including Ex-Officio)	Date Appointe d if after 1/1/14	Representing	Imperial	Los Angeles	Orange	Riverside	San Bernar dino	Ventura	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Bartlett, Lisa		OCCOG			X				X	X											2
Bertone, Denis		SGVCOG		X					X	X			G								2
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead		X					X	X			E								2
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG				X			X	X			N								2
Englander, Mitchell		Los Angeles		X									E								
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X						X			R								1
Friedman, Laura		AVCOG		X					X	X			A								2
Genis, Sandra		OCCOG			X				X	X			L								2
Graham, Ed		Chino Hills					X														
Hernandez, Steven		CVAG					X						A								
Johnson James		Long Beach		X					X	X			S								2
Krupa, Linda		Hemet				X							S								
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X					X	X			E								2
Mitchell, Judy		SBCCOG		X					X	X			M								2
Mojado, Geneva	Jan.2014	Tribal COG								X			B								1
Munzing, Mike		District 12			X				X	X			L								2
Pedroza, Sam		SGVCOG		X									Y								
Pollock, David		VCOG						X	X	X											2
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard						X	X	X											2
Ramos Watson, Lupe		CVAG				X			X	X											2
Robertson, Deborah		District 8					X			X											1
Sanmarco, Stephen		SBCCOG		X					X	X											2
Schuyler, Steve	Jan. 2014	BIASC								X											1
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X						X	X											2
Viegas Walker, Cheryl		El Centro	X						X	X											2
Williams, Diane		SANBAG					X		X	X											2
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill		X					X	X											2
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>													